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PATENT APPLICATION  
DOCKET NO. 2506.1009-001  
Expedited Procedure under 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
Examining Group 2614

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment After Final for filing in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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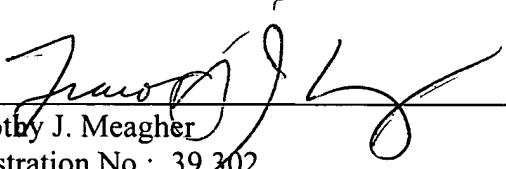
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Sir:

This Amendment After Final Rejection is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 28, 2007 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Please amend the application as follows: